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SUBJECT: NATO AWACS: AMENDMENTS TO PO/78/18

REFS: (A) USNATO 2824
(B) PRICE-HOLTZCLAW TELECON 20 MAR 78

1. REFS REQUEST GUIDANCE ON AMENDED LANGUAGE PROPOSED
FOR PO/78/18 DESIGNED TO ACCOMODATE ITALIAN AND
NORWEGIAN CONCERNS IN ORDER TO PERMIT THEIR PERMREPS
TO APPROVE REFERRAL OF NATO AWACS PROGRAM PACKAGE
TO GOVERNMENTS FOR REVIEW THROUGH NATIONAL PROCESSES,
NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 22. WE HAVE NO DIFFICULTY
WITH AMENDMENT RELATING TO NORWEGIAN CONCERNS. IF
NECESSARY TO OBTAIN ITALIAN PERMREP APPROVAL FOR
THE PACKAGE, WE ALSO CONCUR IN THE CHANGES RELATING
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TO DEFERRED ITALIAN COMMITMENT. HOWEVER, IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER TO SEE SENTENCE
"HOWEVER, SINCE ITALY IS, AT PRESENT, UNABLE TO
UNDERTAKE A COMMITMENT FOR A FUTURE, UNCERTAIN PERIOD,
IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DESIGNATION QUOTE
DEFERRED COMMITMENT END QUOTE IS NOT INTENDED TO
SUGGEST THAT ITALY SHOULD FIRMLY PLEDGE TO UNDERTAKE

SUCH A COMMITMENT IN THE FUTURE, BUT RATHER REFLECTS

THE PROGRAMME SHORTFALL ASSOCIATED WITH HER PRESENT LIMITED CONTRIBUTION." ALTERED TO READ "HOWEVER, SINCE ITALY IS, AT PRESENT, UNABLE TO UNDERTAKE A COMMITMENT FOR A FUTURE, UNCERTAIN PERIOD, IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DESIGNATION QUOTE DEFERRED COMMITMENT END QUOTE IS NOT INTENDED TO SUGGEST THAT ITALY HAS UNDERTAKEN SUCH A COMMITMENT. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS STRONGLY HOPED THAT ITALY WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A FUTURE CONTRIBUTION IF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS PERMIT."

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